

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7, 12-15, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-40 remain pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 6, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 8-11 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 5, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 5. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 7, which was indicated as allowable at the time of the Appeal, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Accordingly, claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 15, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board. Accordingly, claims 12, 16 and 17 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 13, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Accordingly, claim 13 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 14, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 14. Accordingly, claims 14 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 26, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board. Accordingly, claims 18, 23-25, 27 and 28 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 19, which was indicated as allowable at the time of the Appeal, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Accordingly, claims 19 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 21, the rejection of which was reversed by the Board, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 21. Accordingly, claims 21 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 22, which was indicated as allowable at the time of the Appeal, has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its original base claim. Accordingly, claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 29-40 was reversed by the Board and are thus in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-82104/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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